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State unemployment up. Tennessee's unemployment rate increased to 6.0 percent during June; equaling that for the nation. The number of unemployed workers reached 118,900; a 24,300 increase over the previous month. The state's unemployment rate one year ago was 5.5 percent.

U. S. unemployment rate. The unemployment rate for the nation went to 6.0 percent during June; up from May's 5.2 percent. The June, 1978 figure was 6.2 percent.

Benefit check. The average weekly benefit check for June was $68.94; a 12 cent decrease from May's average check.

CPI up 1.2 percent. The Consumer Price Indexes for both Urban Consumers and Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose again during June as they reached 216.6 and 216.9 respectively. Each category increased 1.1 percent over May's figure. Over the year, the Urban Consumers Index has increased 10.9 percent while the Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers Index has increased 11.1 percent.

Energy costs continue to spiral. The greatest increases in the Consumer Price Index over the last month reflect the trend of rapidly increasing energy costs. Fuel oil, coal, and bottled gas experienced a 7.4 percent increase during June while gasoline went up another 7.0 percent. There was a lowering of the index among a few subgroups, however. These mostly fell within the apparel group but also included a 1.0 percent drop in the meats, poultry, fish and eggs subgroup.

Claims up, trust fund down. Initial claims during June increased 10.7 percent over May as they reached 34,822. The trust fund decreased by 8.4 million dollars and now stands at 254.8 million.

Williamson lowest in unemployment for six consecutive months. Williamson County, which had 2.9 percent of its labor force unemployed during June, has had the lowest unemployment rate of any county in Tennessee for the past six consecutive months.

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STATEWIDE

EMPLOYMENT Tennessee's labor force reached 1,992,600 during June as it increased by 35,900 over the previous month. The increase in the number of employed (11,600), however, was less than one third of the number added to the labor force. Nonagricultural employment lost 100 workers for the month as manufacturing gained 2,500 employees and nonmanufacturing decreased by 2,600. Industries showing the largest increases for the month included apparel (2,300) and primary metals (1,200) within the manufacturing sector while the nonmanufacturing sector saw large increases in construction (6,800), services (1,700) and finance, insurance and real estate (1,500). The largest loss for the month occurred in government with 12,000 fewer workers reflecting the seasonal change caused by school vacation.

OVER THE YEAR Since June '78 the state's labor force has increased by 50,800. Employment has increased by 39,100 while unemployment is up 11,700. Nonagricultural employment gained 8,600 over the year. Manufacturing lost 8,400 workers with the biggest losses occurring in fabricated metal producers (2,900), rubber (1,600) and leather (1,300). Nonmanufacturing gained 17,000 employees with services (9,300) and construction (6,600) leading the way.

UNEMPLOYMENT Tennessee's unemployment rate jumped to 6.0 percent during June as 24,200 additional workers were without jobs. Last month's unemployment rate was 4.8 percent while the rate one year ago was 5.2 percent.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Average weekly earnings of Tennessee production workers increased $4.34 (2.0 percent) to $216.26 in June. Both the durable and nondurable goods sectors increased; the former by $4.00 (1.8 percent) and the latter by $5.13 (2.5 percent). In both cases the workweek increased; durable goods by 0.5 hour with a 3 cent wage rate increase and nondurable goods by 1.2 hours with a 3 cent wage rate decrease. The greatest change occurred in the apparel industry where a 5.2 percent rise caused weekly earnings to increase by $7.85. On a national basis the weekly earnings also increased in June to $268.66 as Tennessee remained 2 1/2 years behind the national average. However, while the durable goods fell nationally, state figures increased. This could result in a decrease in the impact of recessionary trends.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	Change From: May 1979 Net	May 1979 %	June 1978 Net	June 1978 %
Civilian Labor Force	1,992.6	1,956.7	1,941.8	+35.9	+ 1.8	+50.8	+ 2.6
Employment 1/	1,873.7	1,862.1	1,834.6	+11.6	+ 0.6	+39.1	+ 2.1
Unemployment	118.9	94.6	107.2	+24.3	+25.7	+11.7	+10.9
Percent of Labor Force	6.0	4.8	5.5	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
U. S. Unemployment Rate	6.0	5.2	6.2	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	Average Weekly Hours June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	Average Hourly Earnings June 1979	May 1979	June 1978
All Manufacturing	$216.26	$211.92	$206.62	39.9	39.1	40.2	$5.42	$5.42	$5.09
Durable Goods	225.36	221.36	211.29	40.1	39.6	40.4	5.62	5.59	5.21
Lumber and Wood Products	165.27	165.36	148.52	39.5	39.0	39.5	4.26	4.24	3.76
Furniture and Fixtures	170.28	165.30	154.33	38.7	38.0	38.2	4.40	4.35	4.04
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	298.49	290.37	290.55	42.1	41.6	44.7	7.09	6.98	6.50
Primary Metal Products	290.51	286.86	302.83	41.8	42.0	43.2	6.95	6.83	7.01
Fabricated Metal Prod.	243.20	237.79	221.31	40.0	39.5	39.1	6.08	6.02	5.66
Machinery, Incl. Elect.	221.35	216.61	203.50	40.1	39.6	40.7	5.52	5.47	5.00
Instruments and Related Products	194.62	190.71	188.73	39.8	39.0	40.5	4.89	4.89	4.66
Nondurable Goods	208.55	203.42	197.90	39.8	38.6	39.9	5.24	5.27	4.96
Food and Kindred Products	225.52	222.48	215.99	40.2	39.8	40.6	5.61	5.59	5.32
Textile Mill Products	173.89	167.70	170.54	39.7	38.2	41.8	4.38	4.39	4.08
Apparel	151.27	143.42	138.01	38.2	36.4	37.2	3.96	3.94	3.71
Paper & Allied Prod.	279.48	277.52	266.12	42.8	42.5	42.6	6.56	6.53	6.20
Chemicals and Allied Prod.	290.48	289.88	275.78	40.4	40.4	41.1	7.19	7.16	6.71
Rubber and Plastic Prod.	251.93	230.68	235.48	42.4	40.4	42.2	5.67	5.71	5.58
Leather and Leather Prod.	169.69	163.56	169.36	39.1	37.6	39.1	4.36	4.35	3.82

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL June 1979	TOTAL May 1979	DISADVANTAGED June 1979	DISADVANTAGED May 1979	NON-WHITE June 1979	NON-WHITE May 1979	VETERAN June 1979	VETERAN May 1979
New Applications	31,521	20,299	17,121	7,306	12,023	5,566	2,496	2,250
Testing	2,050	2,172	887	636	644	649	209	246
Enrolled in Training	719	630	583	409	230	243	68	77
Nonagricultural Placement	13,660	10,266	7,733	4,045	4,797	2,690	1,751	2,131
Counseling	3,132	3,272	2,066	2,148	1,094	1,103	543	560

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	Net Change May 1979 To June 1979	Net Change June 1978 To June 1979
TOTAL	1,730.4	1,730.5	1,721.8	- 0.1	+ 8.6
Manufacturing	520.1	517.6	528.5	+ 2.5	- 8.4
Durable Goods	233.6	232.9	240.1	+ 0.7	- 6.5
Lumber	20.7	20.3	19.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
Furniture & Fixtures	34.8	35.0	36.0	- 0.2	- 1.2
Stone, Clay & Glass	17.0	16.6	17.6	+ 0.4	- 0.6
Primary Metal Industries	19.3	18.1	19.2	+ 1.2	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	32.1	32.1	35.0	0	- 2.9
Nonelectrical Machinery	36.3	36.4	36.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Electrical Machinery	41.7	41.1	42.6	+ 0.6	- 0.9
Transportation Equipment	23.6	24.8	25.2	- 1.2	- 1.6
Precision Instruments & Ord.	6.8	6.9	7.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	11.3	11.4	11.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	286.5	284.7	288.4	+ 1.8	- 1.9
Food Products	39.4	38.4	39.9	+ 1.0	- 0.5
Meat Products	8.0	7.8	7.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Dairy Products	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Tobacco	1.6	1.6	1.2	0	+ 0.4
Textile Mills	27.7	26.7	29.3	+ 1.0	- 1.6
Knitting Mills	13.5	12.9	14.0	+ 0.6	- 0.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	2.0	1.9	2.6	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Apparel	75.1	74.3	72.8	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
Paper	17.8	17.4	17.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Printing & Publishing	25.4	26.0	25.0	- 0.6	+ 0.4
Chemicals	57.4	56.7	57.8	+ 0.7	- 0.4
Ind. Inorganic & Organic Chem.	22.3	22.0	22.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Petroleum Refining	.9	.9	.9	0	0
Rubber	20.8	22.8	22.6	- 2.0	- 1.8
Leather	20.6	19.9	21.7	+ 0.7	- 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	1,210.3	1,212.9	1,193.3	- 2.6	+17.0
Mining	10.7	10.3	11.0	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Construction	98.6	91.8	92.0	+ 6.8	+ 6.6
Transp., Comm. & Public Utilities	83.8	83.7	83.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Trade	368.8	369.9	367.9	- 1.1	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade	104.5	104.4	103.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Wholesale Durable Trade	62.3	62.1	61.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	42.2	42.3	41.6	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Retail Trade	264.3	265.5	264.6	- 1.2	- 0.3
Retail General Merchandise	40.3	40.8	39.5	- 0.5	+ 0.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	74.2	74.7	74.0	+ 1.5	+ 2.2
Banking	24.7	24.3	24.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Insurance Carriers	19.1	18.9	18.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Services	273.8	272.1	264.5	+ 1.7	+ 9.3
Government	298.4	310.4	300.7	-12.0	- 2.3
Federal	65.5	66.6	68.8	- 1.1	- 3.3
State & Local	232.9	243.8	231.9	-10.9	+ 1.0

CHATTANOOGA

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Chattanooga SMSA increased 2,200 between months, mostly from settlements of labor disputes in the primary and fabricated metal industries. Accessions in employment were also noted in textile mill products, construction, services, and government, while little or no loss of employment was recorded in the other industries. The present level of nonagricultural wage and salary employment stands at 168,000.

OVER THE YEAR The level of nonagricultural wage and salary employment has subsided by 900 or 0.5 percent. Industries most affected were: lumber, primary metals, nonelectrical machinery, textile mill products, apparel and both "all other" durable and nondurable good industries. A year ago the level of nonagricultural employment was 168,900.

UNEMPLOYMENT As of mid-June unemployment was 11,700 or 6.1 percent of a labor force of 190,800 as compared with 9,700 or 5.2 percent of a labor force of 187,700 in May and 10,900 or 5.8 percent of a labor force of 188,100 in June 1978.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Average weekly earnings of Chattanooga production workers increased $2.43 (1.1 percent) to $228.17 during June. Both the durable and the nondurable goods sectors increased. The former by $8.01 (3.1 percent) and the latter by $1.92 (0.9 percent). The largest increase was in the fabricated metal products industry where the average weekly earnings increased $14.55 (4.9 percent). Although the wage rate decreased by 10 cents, this was offset by a 2.7 hour longer workweek. The estimated number of production workers increased by 1,800 (4.6 percent) from the May figure of 37,300.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

C	1979 June	1979 May	1978 June	Changes From: May 1979 Net	May 1979 %	June 1978 Net	June 1978 %
Civilian Labor Force	190.8	187.7	188.1	+3.1	+ 1.7	+2.7	+1.4
Unemployment	11.7	9.7	10.9	2.0	+20.6	+0.8	+7.3
Percent of Labor Force	6.1	5.2	5.8	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Total Employment	179.1	178.0	177.2	+1.1	+ 0.6	+1.9	+1.1

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

C	Average Weekly Earnings June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	Average Weekly Hours June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	Average Hourly Earnings June 1979	May 1979	June 1978
All Manufacturing	$228.17	$225.76	$200.20	40.9	40.6	40.7	$5.62	$5.56	$5.14
Durable Goods	255.64	247.63	229.80	41.1	40.2	40.6	6.22	6.16	5.66
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	252.22	240.26	226.66	37.2	38.5	37.6	6.78	6.76	6.06
Iron & Steel Foundries	276.12	272.39	240.34	41.9	42.1	44.2	6.59	6.47	5.89
Fabricated Metal Prod.	295.15	280.60	249.60	43.9	40.2	39.0	6.88	6.98	6.40
Machinery, Except Elect.	245.65	249.96	234.13	42.5	43.7	43.6	5.78	5.72	5.37
Nondurable Goods	203.81	201.89	191.76	40.2	39.9	40.8	5.07	5.06	4.70
Textile Mill Products	166.01	166.03	161.80	40.1	40.2	41.7	4.14	4.13	3.88
Knitting Mills	144.35	141.75	129.78	38.7	37.6	37.4	3.73	3.77	3.47
Paper and Allied Prod.	283.34	272.62	259.35	45.7	44.4	43.3	6.20	6.14	5.75
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	299.88	300.09	291.90	42.0	42.2	42.8	7.14	7.13	6.82

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

C	TOTAL June 1979	TOTAL May 1979	DISADVANTAGED June 1979	DISADVANTAGED May 1979	NON-WHITE June 1979	NON-WHITE May 1979	VETERAN June 1979	VETERAN May 1979
New Applications	2,537	1,779	1,237	621	991	468	387	231
Testing	178	186	85	38	82	36	34	36
Enrolled in Training	39	56	41	33	18	44	3	14
Nonagricultural Placement	913	623	623	286	336	178	141	173
Counseling	338	346	233	186	87	93	58	44

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

C INDUSTRY	1979 June	1979 May	1978 June	Net Change May'79 June'79	Net Change June'78 June'79
TOTAL	168.0	165.8	168.9	+2.2	-.9
Manufacturing	54.4	52.6	55.6	+1.8	-1.2
Durable Goods	24.1	22.6	25.1	+1.5	-1.0
Lumber (except furniture)	.7	.7	.8	0	-.1
Stone, Clay and Glass	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+.1
Primary Metals	5.0	3.8	5.1	+1.2	-.1
Fabricated Metal Prod.	8.2	7.9	8.2	+.3	0
Machinery (except elec.)	3.3	3.3	3.5	0	-.2
All Other	4.3	4.3	5.0	0	-.7
Nondurable Goods	30.3	30.0	30.5	+.3	-.2
Food Products	4.9	4.9	4.6	0	+.3
Textile Mill Products	13.6	13.4	14.0	+.2	-.4
Knitting Mills	3.0	2.9	3.2	+.1	-.2
Apparel	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+.1
Paper Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Printing and Publishing	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+.1
Chemicals	6.1	6.1	6.1	0	0
All Other	1.4	1.3	1.5	+.1	-.1
Nonmanufacturing	113.6	113.2	113.3	+.4	+.3
Mining	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Construction	7.2	7.0	7.7	+.2	-.5
Trans., Comm., and Pub. Util.	6.8	6.8	6.8	0	0
Trade	30.7	30.8	30.8	-.1	-.1
Wholesale Trade	8.7	8.7	8.2	0	+.5
Wholesale Durable Goods	5.5	5.5	5.2	-.1	+.3
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	3.2	3.1	3.0	+.1	+.2
Retail Trade	22.0	22.1	22.6	-.1	-.6
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	9.7	9.7	9.3	0	+.4
Service	26.0	25.9	26.4	+.1	-.4
Government	31.9	31.7	31.0	+.2	+.9
Federal	10.0	10.0	10.3	0	-.3
State and Local	21.9	21.7	20.7	+.2	+1.2

Includes Hamilton, Marion, Sequatchie Counties, Tennessee and Catoosa, Dade, Walker Counties, Georgia.

KNOXVILLE

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural employment dropped 600 from May to June and 1,600 from June 1978. A late start in summer employment programs and the completion of the school year are the major factors causing the decrease in employment. The manufacturing sector was up 100 as scattered employment changes were noted while most industries were stable. Nonmanufacturing was down 700 as government recorded a loss of 500 from May. The opening of three new retail outlets and the subsequent gain of approximately 400 workers coupled with the announcement of a $45 million manufacturing plant brightens the area employment prospects for the coming months.

OVER THE YEAR Nonagricultural employment over the past year has lost 1,600 workers. The greatest decrease (1,500) came in state and local government. In addition, apparel lost 800 workers. The largest gains for the year were recorded in "all other" durable goods (500), "all other nondurable goods (300), and finance, insurance and real estate (300).

UNEMPLOYMENT Unemployment estimates in June totaled 9,200 or 4.4 percent of the labor force of 208,700 in June as compared to 7,200 or 3.5 percent of the labor force of 207,000 in May and 8,800 or 4.3 percent of the labor force of 204,700 in June 1978. New entrants into the labor force accounted for the increase in unemployment in June.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Average weekly earnings of Knoxville production workers increased 2.0 percent (or $5.11) to $259.03 in the month of June. Both the durable and the nondurable goods increased; the former by $5.29 (1.8 percent) and the latter by $5.30 (2.2 percent). In both cases the workweek increased from the previous month. However, in the durable goods sector the wage rate increased by 11 cents while in the nondurable goods sector the wage rate decreased by 5 cents. The largest change occurred in the apparel and other textile products industry where a longer scheduled workweek (5.8 hours) and a wage rate increase (5 cents) caused the weekly earnings to increase by $28.93 (15.7 percent).

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	JUNE 1979	MAY 1979	JUNE 1978	Changes From: MAY 1979 Net	MAY 1979 %	JUNE 1978 Net	JUNE 1978 %
Civilian Labor Force	208.7	207.0	204.7	+1.7	+ 0.8	+4.0	+2.0
Unemployment	9.2	7.2	8.8	+2.0	+27.8	+0.4	+4.5
Percent of Labor Force	4.4	3.5	4.3				
Total Employment	199.5	199.8	195.9	-0.3	- 0.2	+3.6	+1.8

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	Average Weekly Hours June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	Average Hourly Earnings June 1979	May 1979	June 1978
All Manufacturing	$259.03	$253.92	$240.13	40.6	39.8	40.7	$6.38	$6.38	$5.90
Durable Goods	291.35	286.06	266.88	41.8	41.7	41.7	6.97	6.86	6.40
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	266.12	271.08	227.64	40.2	40.4	42.0	6.62	6.71	5.42
Machinery, Except Elect.	259.26	236.64	232.92	44.7	40.8	43.7	5.80	5.80	5.33
Nondurable Goods	240.60	235.30	225.36	39.9	38.7	40.1	6.03	6.08	5.62
Food and Kindred Prod.	214.17	222.66	203.74	44.9	46.1	46.2	4.77	4.83	4.41
Textile Mill Prod.	160.34	155.57	171.11	39.3	38.7	44.1	4.08	4.02	3.88
Apparel & Other Tex. Prod.	184.24	155.31	161.36	39.2	33.4	35.7	4.70	4.65	4.52

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL June 1979	TOTAL May 1979	DISADVANTAGED June 1979	DISADVANTAGED May 1979	NON-WHITE June 1979	NON-WHITE May 1979	VETERAN June 1979	VETERAN May 1979
New Applications	2,373	2,360	766	662	270	264	268	262
Testing	224	269	88	97	43	43	23	35
Enrolled in Training	82	97	68	81	27	44	14	5
Nonagricultural Placement	1,215	1,281	514	483	146	147	242	252
Counseling	365	423	179	237	58	43	63	75

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	JUNE 1979	MAY 1979	JUNE 1978	Net Change MAY 1979	Net Change JUNE 1978
TOTAL	197.1	197.7	198.7	-0.6	-1.6
Manufacturing	53.6	53.5	53.7	+0.1	-0.1
Durable Goods	15.9	15.7	15.3	+0.2	+0.6
Lumber (except furniture)	1.9	1.9	1.7	0	+0.2
Furniture and Fixtures	.6	.6	.7	0	-0.1
Stone, Clay and Glass	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	-0.1
Machinery (except elec.)	2.5	2.4	2.4	+0.1	+0.1
All Other	9.9	9.8	9.4	+0.1	+0.5
Nondurable Goods	37.7	37.8	38.4	-0.1	-0.7
Food Products	4.4	4.5	4.5	-0.1	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	-0.1
Apparel	8.7	8.7	9.5	0	-0.8
Printing and Publishing	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
All Other	20.1	20.1	19.8	0	+0.3
Nonmanufacturing	143.5	144.2	145.0	-0.7	-1.5
Mining	1.6	1.5	1.7	+0.1	-0.1
Construction	12.5	12.4	12.8	+0.1	-0.3
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Util.	7.9	8.0	7.7	-0.1	+0.2
Trade	41.6	42.0	41.7	-0.4	-0.1
Wholesale	11.0	11.1	11.0	-0.1	0
Wholesale Durable Goods	6.6	6.7	6.5	-0.1	+0.1
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.5	0	-0.1
Retail	30.6	30.9	30.7	-0.3	-0.1
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	8.1	8.0	7.8	+0.1	+0.3
Service	30.4	30.4	30.3	0	+0.1
Government	41.4	41.9	43.0	-0.5	-1.6
Federal	9.0	9.0	9.1	0	-0.1
State & Local	32.4	32.9	33.9	-0.5	-1.5

Includes Anderson, Blount, Knox and Union Counties, Tennessee and all of Oak Ridge.

MEMPHIS

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Memphis SMSA stood at 353,300 for June; a decrease of 800 from the previous month. State and local government, reflecting the impact of the school vacation period, lost 1,500. No other industry experienced a loss of more than 200. The largest gains were in service (400), and construction (300).

OVER THE YEAR This month's nonagricultural employment exceeds last year's figure by 900. During this period the service industry has added 2,500 additional workers. "All other" nondurable goods (500), and transportation, insurance, and real estate (500) also gained. The largest decline in employment for the year came in federal government (800).

UNEMPLOYMENT The unemployment rate for the Memphis SMSA hit 5.6 percent during June as 20,100 workers were without jobs. This was up from last month's unemployment rate of 4.5 percent with 16,100 unemployed. For June of last year the unemployment rate was 5.8 percent with 21,700 unemployed.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Average weekly earnings of Memphis production workers increased $6.54 (2.5 percent) in June. While the durable goods sector declined by $2.60 (1.1 percent), the nondurable goods sector increased by $8.09 (2.9 percent). In both cases the main cause for change was in the wage rate. In durable goods the wage rate decreased 8 cents while in nondurable goods it increased 18 cents. In both sectors the workweek increased by 0.1 hour. The largest change occurred in the lumber and wood products industry where a 7.6 percent increase accounted for a $15.28 gain in weekly earnings. This increase was due to more overtime worked in the industry.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (In thousands)

	June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	Change From: May 1979		June 1978	
				Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	360.8	356.1	376.6	+4.7	+1.3	-15.8	-4.2
Unemployment	20.1	16.1	21.7	+4.0	+24.8	-1.6	-7.4
Percent of Labor Force	5.6	4.5	5.8	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Total Employment	340.7	340.0	354.9	+0.7	+0.2	-14.2	-4.0

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	June 1979	May 1979	June 1978
All Manufacturing	$259.26	$252.72	$239.78	40.7	40.5	41.2	$6.37	$6.24	$5.82
Durable Goods	240.20	242.80	212.38	40.1	40.0	40.3	5.99	6.07	5.27
Lumber and Wood Products	200.38	185.10	144.56	41.4	39.3	39.6	4.84	4.71	3.65
Furniture and Fixtures	160.80	156.77	164.93	39.9	38.9	44.1	4.03	4.03	3.74
Nondurable Goods	277.95	269.86	265.02	41.3	41.2	42.0	6.73	6.55	6.31
Food and Kindred Prod.	283.16	274.39	260.41	42.2	41.2	41.8	6.71	6.66	6.23
Paper and Allied Prod.	267.39	269.58	256.10	41.2	41.7	42.4	6.49	6.46	6.04
Chemicals and Allied Prod.	336.48	328.13	298.81	45.2	45.7	44.4	7.40	7.18	6.73

MONTHLY REPORT ON LABOR TURNOVER RATES

	ACCESSION RATES				SEPARATION RATES					
	TOTAL		NEW HIRES		TOTAL		QUITS		LAYOFFS	
	June 1979	May 1979	June 1979	May 1979	June 1979	May 1979	June 1979	May 1979	June 1979	May 1979
All Manufacturing	3.1	3.0	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.8	1.5	1.6	0.6	0.4
Durable Goods	3.9	4.0	3.3	3.4	3.9	3.4	2.3	1.9	0.6	0.6
Lumber	6.0	6.2	5.0	5.9	6.7	6.7	3.9	4.0	0.7	0.8
Furniture	3.5	4.7	2.7	4.3	4.7	3.6	2.7	2.1	*	0.2
Nonelectric Machinery	5.0	2.7	4.6	2.7	5.7	2.0	3.2	1.5	0.7	0.2
Nondurable Goods	2.5	2.9	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.4	1.1	1.4	0.6	0.3
Food	2.2	3.5	1.9	2.4	2.9	2.7	1.0	1.3	1.4	0.7
Paper	1.7	2.7	1.3	2.3	0.9	2.1	0.4	1.2	*	*
Chemicals	3.1	3.4	2.1	2.4	1.6	1.7	1.0	1.3	*	0.1

1/ Preliminary
* Less than 0.1

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands)

INDUSTRY	June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	Net Change: May 1979	Net Change: June 1978
TOTAL	353.3	354.1	352.4	-0.8	+0.9
Manufacturing	64.1	64.2	64.8	-0.1	-0.7
Durable Goods	28.3	28.4	28.4	-0.1	-0.1
Lumber (except furniture)	3.5	3.5	3.3	0	+0.2
Sawmills & Planing Mills	1.6	1.5	1.5	+0.1	+0.1
Furniture and Fixtures	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	5.2	5.3	5.4	-0.1	-0.2
Nonelectrical Machinery	6.3	6.2	6.3	+0.1	0
Electrical Machinery	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
All Other	7.3	7.4	7.3	-0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	35.8	35.8	36.4	0	-0.6
Food Products	10.0	10.2	11.2	-0.2	-1.2
Bakery Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	-0.1
Apparel	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	-0.1
Paper Products	6.6	6.6	6.5	0	+0.1
Printing and Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals	6.6	6.7	6.7	+0.1	+0.1
All Other	6.5	6.5	6.1	+0.1	+0.5
Nonmanufacturing	289.2	289.9	287.6	+0.7	+1.6
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Construction	14.2	13.9	14.1	+0.3	+0.1
Trans., Comm. and Pub. Util.	26.0	25.9	25.5	+0.1	+0.5
Trade	93.8	94.0	93.8	-0.2	0
Wholesale	31.3	31.3	31.2	0	+0.1
Wholesale Durable Goods	19.5	19.5	19.3	0	+0.2
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	11.8	11.8	11.9	0	-0.1
Retail	62.5	62.7	62.6	-0.2	-0.1
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	18.3	18.1	18.9	+0.2	+0.4
Service	70.3	69.9	67.8	+0.4	+2.5
Government	65.4	66.9	67.3	-1.5	-1.9
Federal	16.8	16.8	17.6	0	-0.8
State & Local	48.6	50.1	49.7	-1.5	-1.1

Includes Shelby and Tipton Counties, Tennessee and Crittenden County, Arkansas

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL		DISADVANTAGED		NON-WHITE		VETERAN	
	June 1979	May 1979	June 1979	May 1979	June 1979	May 1979	June 1979	May 1979
New Applications	6,559	3,558	5,090	2,019	5,292	2,416	435	402
Testing	586	354	194	201	366	366	50	37
Enrolled in Training	104	56	96	49	100	51	5	2
Nonagricultural Placement	1,711	1,328	1,142	650	1,155	896	258	158
Counseling	446	616	293	434	316	478	102	87

NASHVILLE

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural employment decreased by 1,500 from May to June in the Nashville SMSA. This was in large part the result of school closing which caused a decline of 2,800 in government. Another factor was a strike at a large manufacturing company which resulted in a diminution of 1,000 in transportation. This was partially offset by a gain of 900 in construction and 500 in trade. All other gains were in the magnitude of 200 or less.

OVER THE YEAR Since one year ago nonagriculture employment has increased by 3,300. This was achieved by an increase of 4,100 in nonmanufacturing and a loss of 800 in manufacturing. All major sectors recorded sizable year to year gains in nonmanufacturing. Only lumber, machinery and all other durable goods industries could claim increases in manufacturing. The largest gain was in construction (1,400), with a sizable increase also coming in trade (1,100).

UNEMPLOYMENT Unemployment in May was 13,400, or 3.4 percent of the labor force of 398,800. The unemployment rate increased to 4.7 percent in June, when 18,900 out of the labor force of 405,400 were unemployed. This represented a 41.0 percent increase in the number of unemployed over the previous month's figure. In June, 1978, the labor force was 397,000 with 19,700 or 4.9 percent unemployed.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Average weekly earnings for Nashville production workers increased $2.93 (1.2 percent) from May to June. The durable goods sector increased $3.23 (1.3 percent) as the workweek increased by 0.6 hour and the wage rate declined by 1 cent. The nondurable goods sector increased by $3.43 (1.5 percent) due to more overtime worked. This is shown by a 0.4 hour longer workweek and a 3-cent wage rate increase. A longer scheduled workweek (1.5 hours) in the food and kindred products industry caused an increase of $8.59 (3.6 percent) in average weekly earnings to indicate the largest overall change in the area.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (In thousands)

	June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	Changes From: May 1979 Net	May 1979 %	June 1978 Net	June 1978 %
Civilian Labor Force	405.4	398.8	397.0	6.6	1.7	8.4	2.1
Unemployment	18.9	13.4	19.6	5.5	41.0	- .7	-3.6
Percent of Labor Force	4.7	3.4	4.9	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Total Employment	386.5	385.4	377.4	1.1	.2	9.1	2.4

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands)

INDUSTRY	June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	Net Change: May 1979 To June 1979	Net Change: June 1978 To June 1979
TOTAL	352.6	354.1	349.3	-1.5	+3.3
Manufacturing	81.5	81.9	82.1	- .4	- .6
Durable Goods	41.3	42.1	41.5	- .8	- .2
Lumber (except furniture)	1.7	1.6	1.5	+ .1	+ .2
Furniture and Fixtures	3.9	3.8	3.9	+ .1	0
Fabricated Metal Products	6.8	6.8	6.9	0	- .1
Machinery	11.3	11.3	11.2	0	+ .1
Transportation 1/	8.5	9.5	9.1	-1.0	- .6
All Other	9.1	9.1	8.9	0	+ .2
Nondurable Goods	40.2	39.8	40.6	+ .4	- .4
Food Products	6.8	6.8	6.6	0	+ .2
Textile Mill Products	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- .1
Apparel	5.1	4.9	5.1	+ .2	0
Printing and Publishing	10.3	10.3	10.3	0	0
Petroleum and Rubber	4.4	4.3	4.5	+ .1	- .1
Leather	5.0	5.0	5.3	0	- .3
All Other	7.2	7.1	7.5	+ .1	- .3
Nonmanufacturing	271.1	272.2	267.0	-1.1	+4.1
Construction	21.9	21.0	20.5	+ .9	+1.4
Trans., Comm. & Public Util.	19.6	19.6	19.0	0	+ .6
Trade	80.1	79.6	79.0	+ .5	+1.1
Wholesale	22.6	22.8	22.1	- .4	+ .1
Wholesale Durable Goods	14.9	14.9	14.3	0	+ .6
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	7.5	7.9	7.8	- .4	- .3
Retail	57.7	56.8	56.9	+ .9	+ .8
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	22.4	22.3	21.7	+ .1	+ .7
Service and Miscellaneous	65.8	65.6	65.5	+ .2	+ .3
Government	61.3	64.1	61.3	-2.8	0
Federal	8.4	8.4	8.9	0	- .5
State and Local	52.9	55.7	52.4	-2.8	+ .5

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings: June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	Average Weekly Hours: June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	Average Hourly Earnings: June 1979	May 1979	June 1978
All Manufacturing	$236.74	$233.81	$218.54	40.4	39.9	40.1	$5.86	$5.86	$5.45
Durable Goods	247.85	244.62	233.38	40.9	40.3	40.8	6.06	6.07	5.72
Nondurable Goods	223.68	220.25	202.00	39.8	39.4	39.3	5.62	5.59	5.14
Food and Kindred Products	241.34	232.75	220.00	38.8	37.3	37.8	6.22	6.24	5.82
Printing and Publishing	258.32	259.79	226.79	41.2	41.5	38.9	6.27	6.26	5.83

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL: June 1979	May 1979	DISADVANTAGED: June 1979	May 1979	NON-WHITE: June 1979	May 1979	VETERAN: June 1979	May 1979
New Applications	6,565	3,516	3,591	1,339	3,250	1,281	458	367
Testing	306	296	71	67	74	82	28	24
Enrolled in Training	43	212	26	46	21	70	7	29
Nonagricultural Placement	3,107	1,835	1,931	737	1,663	652	306	447
Counseling	701	633	481	398	363	229	97	103

TRI-CITIES

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 600 during the period May 1979 to June 1979. Manufacturing increased by 100. Durable goods decreased by 300 jobs while nondurable goods saw an increase of 400. Nonmanufacturing employment gained 500 jobs. The nonmanufacturing gains were concentrated in construction (500), trade (300), and finance, insurance, and real estate, (100).

OVER THE YEAR. Compared with one year ago, nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 2,400 workers. Increased employment in durable goods (up 1,300) was partially offset by a loss in nondurable goods (down 800) thereby permitting manufacturing a total gain of 500. Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 1,900. Eight industrial segments expanded employment and seven reduced employment during the year with the biggest gains coming in "all other" durable goods (1,800) and construction (1,000). The greatest losses came in furniture and fixtures (600) and trade (600).

UNEMPLOYMENT Unemployment as of mid-June was 9,100 or 5.2 percent of a labor force of 175,300, compared with 7,300 or 4.2 percent of a labor force of 172,600 as of mid-May. One year ago unemployment was 7,900 or 4.7 percent of a labor force of 168,400.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	Net Change: May 1979	Net Change: June 1978
TOTAL	135.7	135.1	133.3	+ .6	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	54.9	54.8	54.4	+ .1	+ .5
Durable Goods	21.4	21.7	20.1	- .3	+ 1.3
Lumber & Wood Products and Furniture & Fixtures	2.1	2.5	2.7	- .4	- .6
Stone, Clay and Glass	2.1	2.1	2.6	0	- .5
Primary Metals & Fabricated Metal Products	6.0	5.9	5.4	+ .1	+ .6
All Other Durable Goods	11.2	11.2	9.4	0	+ 1.8
Nondurable Goods	33.5	33.1	34.3	+ .4	- .8
Food Products	3.3	3.2	3.7	+ .1	- .4
Textile Mill Products	3.2	3.1	3.4	+ .1	- .2
Apparel	4.4	4.4	4.7	0	- .3
Paper & Allied Products and Printing & Publishing	6.4	6.4	6.2	0	+ .2
All Other Nondurable Goods	16.2	16.0	16.3	+ .2	- .1
Nonmanufacturing	80.8	80.3	78.9	+ .5	+ 1.9
Construction	8.5	8.0	7.5	+ .5	+ 1.0
Trans., Comm., & Public Util.	6.0	6.0	5.9	0	+ .1
Trade	26.3	26.0	26.9	+ .3	- .6
Wholesale	5.5	5.4	5.5	+ .1	0
Retail	18.8	18.6	19.4	+ .2	- .6
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	4.2	4.1	3.9	+ .1	+ .3
Services	15.9	16.1	15.5	- .2	+ .4
Government	21.5	21.7	20.8	- .2	+ .7
All Other Nonmanufacturing	.4	.4	.4	0	0

Includes Washington, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, and Hawkins Counties in Tennessee and Washington and Scott Counties and Bristol City in Virginia.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	TENNESSEE PORTION: June 1979	TENNESSEE PORTION: May 1979	TENNESSEE PORTION: June 1978	VIRGINIA PORTION: June 1979	VIRGINIA PORTION: May 1979	VIRGINIA PORTION: June 1978
TOTAL	107.5	107.2	105.9	28.2	27.9	27.4
Manufacturing	45.0	44.9	45.0	9.9	9.9	9.4
Durable Goods	16.1	16.4	15.2	5.3	5.3	4.9
Lumber & Wood Products and Furniture & Fixtures	1.5	1.9	2.1	.6	.6	.6
Stone, Clay and Glass	1.8	1.8	2.3	.3	.3	.3
Primary Metals and Fabricated Metal Products	3.8	3.8	3.7	2.2	2.1	1.7
All Other Durable Goods	9.0	8.9	7.1	2.2	2.3	2.3
Nondurable Goods	28.9	28.5	29.8	4.6	4.6	4.5
Food Products	1.6	1.5	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.7
Textile Mill Products	3.1	2.9	3.3	.1	.2	.1
Apparel	2.5	2.6	2.9	1.9	1.8	1.8
Paper & Allied Products and Printing & Publishing	5.9	5.9	5.7	.5	.5	.5
All Other Nondurable Goods	15.8	15.6	15.9	.4	.4	.4
Nonmanufacturing	62.5	62.3	60.9	18.3	18.0	18.0
Construction	6.8	6.4	6.0	1.7	1.6	1.5
Trans., Comm., & Public Util.	5.0	5.0	4.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
Trade	17.9	17.7	18.6	6.4	6.3	6.3
Wholesale	4.0	3.9	4.0	1.5	1.5	1.5
Retail	13.9	13.8	14.6	4.9	4.8	4.8
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	3.2	3.2	3.0	1.0	.9	.9
Services	12.8	12.9	12.5	3.1	3.2	3.0
Government	16.7	16.9	15.7	4.8	4.8	5.1
All Other Nonmanufacturing	.1	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2

Includes Washington, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, and Hawkins Counties in Tennessee and Washington and Scott Counties and Bristol City in Virginia.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	TENNESSEE PORTION: June 1979	TENNESSEE PORTION: May 1979	TENNESSEE PORTION: June 1978	VIRGINIA PORTION: June 1979	VIRGINIA PORTION: May 1979	VIRGINIA PORTION: June 1978
Civilian Labor Force	130.8	134.2	133.1	38.5	38.4	35.3
Unemployment	7.2	5.6	6.1	1.9	1.7	1.8
Percent of Labor Force	5.5	4.2	4.6	4.9	4.4	5.1
Total Employment	123.6	128.6	127.0	36.6	36.7	33.5

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	June 1979	May 1979	June 1978	Changes From: May 1979 Net	May 1979 %	June 1978 Net	June 1978 %
Civilian Labor Force	175.3	172.6	168.4	+ 2.7	+ 1.6	+ 6.9	+ 4.1
Unemployment	9.1	7.3	7.9	+ 1.8	+24.7	+ 1.2	+15.2
Percent of Labor Force	5.2	4.2	4.7				
Total Employment	166.2	165.3	160.5	+ .9	+ .5	+ 5.7	+ 3.6

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL: June 1979	TOTAL: May 1979	DISADVANTAGED: June 1979	DISADVANTAGED: May 1979	NON-WHITE: June 1979	NON-WHITE: May 1979	VETERAN: June 1979	VETERAN: May 1979
New Applications	1,940	1,671	755	660	97	49	263	243
Testing	176	227	48	39	18	18	31	47
Enrolled in Training	90	91	71	81	5	4	6	7
Nonagricultural Placement	772	572	413	263	96	42	132	104
Counseling	81	93	69	58	4	4	21	16

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS AND URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS
U. S. CITY AVERAGE (1967=100)
JUNE 1979

Group	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS			REVISED URBAN WAGE EARNERS & CLERICAL WORKERS		
	Index June 1979	Percent Change to June 1979 from		Index June 1979	Percent Change to June 1979 from	
		May 1978	June 1978		May 1979	June 1978
ALL ITEMS	216.6	1.2	10.9	216.9	1.2	11.1
ALL ITEMS	251.9	-	-	252.3	-	-
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	229.3	0.5	10.0	229.3	0.5	10.1
HOUSING 1/	225.5	1.4	11.6	225.5	1.4	11.7
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	165.7	-0.2	3.6	165.3	-0.2	3.4
TRANSPORTATION	212.6	2.4	14.6	213.7	2.4	15.0
MEDICAL CARE	237.7	0.6	9.1	238.2	0.8	9.4
ENTERTAINMENT 1/	188.2	0.2	6.8	187.5	0.2	6.9
OTHER GOODS AND SER.1/	194.5	0.3	7.5	194.3	0.3	7.1
SPECIAL GROUPS:						
COMMODITIES	208.4	1.3	11.1	208.7	1.3	11.3
SERVICES	232.1	1.1	10.6	232.3	1.1	10.7
PURCHASING POWER OF THE CONSUMER DOLLAR:						
1967=$1.00	$.462	-1.1	- 9.8	$461	-1.3	-10.0
1957-59=$1.00	$.397	-	-	$396	-	-

1/Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date

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State unemployment on the rise. Tennessee's unemployment rate increased to 6.8 percent during July, a full percentage point over June's revised rate of 5.8 percent. This marked the first time since January that the state rate has exceeded that for the nation. Tennessee's unemployment rate one year ago was 6.8 percent. The number of unemployed underwent a typical seasonal increase as it reached 136,500.

U. S. unemployment rate drops slightly. The nation's unemployment rate dropped to 5.8 percent during July; 0.2 percent below June's figure. The U. S. rate for July, 1978 was 6.3 percent.

CPI continues rapid rise. For the sixth consecutive month the Consumer Price Index for both Urban Consumers and Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose by at least one percent. The Urban Consumers Index rose 1.1 percent to 218.9 while the Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers Index increased 1.2 percent to 219.4. Over the year the increases have been 11.3 percent and 11.5 percent respectively.

Living costs up approximately 119 percent since '67. That is the indication as shown by the overall increase for all items measured by the Consumer Price Index. The overall category showing the greatest increase during this period was medical care with an increase of approximately 140 percent. The major category showing the least cost increase since 1967 was apparel and upkeep with a rise of approximately 64 percent.

Claims up 97 percent. Initial claims almost doubled during July, jumping from last month's 34,822 to 68,709. For July of last year there were 53,190 initial claims.

Jackson leads unemployment rate. Jackson county's unemployment rate for July jumped to 25.2 percent. This was the highest rate for any county since January, 1975 when Green county reported an unemployment rate of 27.0 percent. The high rate was largely the result of temporary and permanent closings of plants in the county.

Benefit check down, trust fund up. July's average benefit check was $68.68; down 26 cents from the previous month. The trust fund gained 3.7 million as it reached 258.5 million.

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STATEWIDE

EMPLOYMENT Tennessee's labor force went past the two million mark during July as it reached 2,016,100. Nonagricultural employment lost 20,600 workers during the month. Both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing experienced losses with the former down 8,000 and the latter down 12,600. The largest loss occurred in government with a reduction of 12,100 employees. The next greatest loss occurred in apparel with 3,800 fewer workers. The most substantial increase occurred in the rubber industry. The trade industry remained the largest employer with 368,600, while the petroleum refining industry employed the fewest with 900 workers.

OVER THE YEAR The state's labor force has increased 104,500 over the past year. Of that number, 98,500 are employed while 6,000 are unemployed. Nonagricultural employment increased 18,200 during the year. A 2,500 drop in manufacturing was more than offset by a 20,700 increase in nonmanufacturing. Industries with the largest gains were services (7,800), construction (6,600), and apparel (4,300). Large losses occurred in fabricated metal products (3,000), and federal government (2,700).

UNEMPLOYMENT The state's unemployment rate rose to 6.8 percent during July. The 1.0 percent increase over June's figure came as 17,400 more workers were without jobs. The unemployment rate one year ago was 5.8 percent.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Average weekly earnings of Tennessee production workers increased only $.55 a week in July; going to $218.95 a week. The average weekly hours also showed a small increase going from 40.0 hours to 40.1 hours. Average hours and earnings for durable goods declined slightly with average weekly earnings dropping from $227.05 to $222.95 (1.8 percent) and the weekly hours down from 40.4 hours to 39.6 hours. The largest loss was in the fabricated metal products industry where the average weekly wage fell $16.20 (6.7 percent) to $226.20 and the hours dropped from 40.0 hours to 39.0 hours. This was due to less overtime at premium pay. Nondurable goods average hours and earnings increased slightly from 39.5 hours to 40.4 hours a week and the average wage increased from $209.74 to $214.52 (2.3 percent). Food and kindred products showed the largest increases with the average weekly wage going from $224.40 to $233.54 (4.1 percent) and the weekly hours going from 40.0 hours to 40.9 hours. More overtime at premium pay caused this rise.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (In thousands)

	July 1979	June 1979	July 1978	Changes From: June 1979 Net	June 1979 %	July 1978 Net	July 1978 %
Civilian Labor Force	2,016.1	1,993.8	1,911.6	+22.3	+ 1.1	+104.5	+5.5
Employment 1/	1,879.6	1,877.5	1,781.1	+ 2.1	+ 0.1	+ 98.5	+5.5
Unemployment	136.5	116.3	130.5	+20.2	+17.4	+ 6.0	+4.6
Percent of Labor Force	6.8	5.8	6.8	xxx	xxx	xx.	xxx
U. S. Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.8	6.1	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-mangement disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings July 1979	Average Weekly Earnings June 1979	Average Weekly Earnings July 1978	Average Weekly Hours July 1979	Average Weekly Hours June 1979	Average Weekly Hours July 1978	Average Hourly Earnings July 1979	Average Hourly Earnings June 1979	Average Hourly Earnings July 1978
All Manufacturing	$218.95	$218.40	$202.98	40.1	40.0	39.8	$5.46	$5.46	$5.10
Durable Goods	222.95	227.05	206.68	39.6	40.4	39.9	5.63	5.62	5.18
Lumber & Wood Prod.	157.10	168.35	147.07	38.6	39.8	38.5	4.07	4.23	3.82
Furniture & Fixtures	166.55	170.45	156.01	40.2	39.0	39.1	4.14	4.37	3.99
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	288.42	297.23	290.62	41.5	42.1	41.9	6.95	7.06	6.62
Primary Metal Prod.	291.90	290.93	257.91	42.0	41.8	41.8	6.95	6.96	6.17
Fabricated Metal Prod.	226.20	242.40	223.22	39.0	40.0	39.5	5.80	6.06	5.68
Machinery, Including Elect.	222.24	223.44	199.68	39.9	40.7	39.7	5.57	5.49	5.03
Instruments & Related Prod.	180.56	190.87	181.01	37.0	39.6	39.1	4.88	4.82	4.63
Nondurable Goods	214.52	209.74	200.19	40.4	39.5	39.8	5.31	5.31	5.03
Food & Kindred Prod.	233.54	224.40	220.01	40.9	40.0	43.2	5.71	5.61	5.34
Textile Mill Prod.	173.80	173.49	161.93	39.9	39.3	39.4	4.40	4.37	4.11
Apparel	161.19	157.92	141.35	40.5	37.6	38.1	3.98	4.20	3.71
Paper & Allied Prod.	277.22	279.66	268.38	41.5	42.7	42.4	6.68	6.55	6.33
Chemical & Allied Prod.	294.26	291.20	278.19	40.2	40.5	41.0	7.32	7.19	6.79
Rubber & Plastic Prod.	228.98	231.08	214.21	40.6	40.4	42.2	5.64	5.63	5.55
Leather & Leather Prod.	168.95	170.13	144.74	39.2	39.2	37.2	4.31	4.34	3.88

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL July 1979	TOTAL June 1979	DISADVANTAGED July 1979	DISADVANTAGED June 1979	NON-WHITE July 1979	NON-WHITE June 1979	VETERAN July 1979	VETERAN June 1979
New Applications	25,735	31,321	12,338	17,121	7,928	12,021	2,197	2,696
Testing	1,291	2,058	417	667	229	364	154	209
Enrolled in Training	623	719	557	583	196	230	34	48
Nonagricultural Placement	10,389	13,840	10,688	7,733	5,446	6,747	1,549	1,752
Counseling	2,304	3,132	1,413	2,066	582	1,084	386	543

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands)

	July 1979	June 1979	July 1978	Net Change June 1979 to July 1979	Net Change July 1978 to July 1979
TOTAL	1,713.7	1,734.3	1,695.1	-20.6	+18.6
Manufacturing	518.5	519.5	515.8	- 8.0	+ 2.7
Durable Goods	327.4	330.3	330.2	- 2.9	- 2.8
Lumber	20.0	20.7	19.2	- 0.7	+ 0.8
Furniture & Fixtures	24.1	24.8	24.1	- 0.7	+ 0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass	15.9	16.7	17.5	- 0.8	- 1.6
Primary Metal Industries	18.4	19.1	15.8	- 0.7	+ 2.6
Fabricated Metal Products	31.2	32.1	34.2	- 0.9	- 3.0
Nonelectrical Machinery	36.1	36.8	37.7	- 0.7	- 1.6
Electrical Machinery	40.1	40.1	40.1	.0	.0
Transportation Equipment	25.4	25.9	25.8	- 0.5	- 0.4
Precision Instr. & Ordnance	6.8	6.8	6.4	.0	+ 0.4
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	11.4	11.4	11.3	.0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	191.1	189.2	185.6	+ 1.9	+ 5.5
Food Products	18.4	18.2	18.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Meat Products	7.9	7.8	8.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Dairy Products	3.7	3.7	3.7	.0	.0
Tobacco	1.5	1.5	1.2	.0	+ 0.3
Textile Mills	26.7	27.3	27.4	- 0.6	- 0.7
Knitting Mills	12.8	13.3	13.4	- 0.5	- 0.6
Yarn & Thread Mills	1.9	2.0	1.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Apparel	73.5	73.5	67.4	.0	+ 6.1
Paper	11.7	11.7	11.7	.0	.0
Printing & Publishing	25.6	25.5	24.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Chemicals	57.5	57.3	58.0	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Ind. Inorganic & Organic Chem.	22.6	22.4	22.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Petroleum Refining, Etc.	.9	.9	.9	.0	.0
Rubber	22.6	22.8	22.7	- 0.2	- 0.1
Leather	20.1	20.4	20.4	- 0.3	- 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,195.2	1,214.8	1,179.3	-19.6	+20.7
Mining	10.5	10.7	10.3	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Construction	97.7	97.9	91.1	- 0.2	+ 6.6
Trans., Comm. & Public Utilities	84.2	83.8	81.4	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Trade	368.6	368.3	368.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	106.9	106.3	106.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Wholesale Durable Goods	62.4	62.3	61.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	44.5	44.0	44.5	+ 0.5	.0
Retail Trade	261.7	261.5	261.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Retail General Merchandise	40.2	40.5	40.8	- 0.3	- 0.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	76.5	76.1	74.8	+ 0.4	+ 1.7
Banking	24.9	24.8	24.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Insurance Carriers	19.1	19.1	18.9	.0	+ 0.2
Services	274.8	274.7	266.7	+ 0.1	+ 7.8
Government	293.2	306.5	268.5	-13.3	+ 4.7
Federal	66.5	66.9	69.2	- 0.4	- 2.7
State and Local	225.7	237.6	219.3	-11.9	+ 6.4

CHATTANOOGA SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Chattanooga SMSA subsided by 2,100 workers between mid-June and mid July. A seasonal layoff of nonprofessional employers in public schools and certain industries closing for vacation accounted for the vasy majority of the employment decline between months. The present level of nonagricultural wage and salary employment stands at 165,900.

OVER THE YEAR Nonagricultural wage and salary employment has decreased 2,400 or 1.4 percent. Industries affected the most by the decline were; retail trade, contract construction and primary metals. Labor management disputes account for a small part of the drop along with a downturn in the local economy. The level of nonagricultural wage and salary employment a year ago was 168,300.

UNEMPLOYMENT As of mid-July was 13,400 or 7.0 percent of a labor force of 190,900 as compared with 11,500 or 6.0 percent of a labor force of 190,800 in mid-June and 10,900 or 5.9 percent of a labor force of 184,500 in July 1978.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Chattanooga production workers received an average decrease in weekly wages of $6.98 (3.4 percent), dropping the average weekly paycheck to $223.44 for the month of July. The average weekly hours for the same period dropped from 41.0 to 39.9 hours a week. Durable goods accounted for the loss; dropping from $259.36 to $243.41 a week (6.1 percent). The hours also declined 1.8 hours per week in durable goods. The biggest drop came in the fabricated metals industry where the average weekly wage dropped $42 (14.2 percent). Nondurable goods fared better, going from $205.02 a week to $206.04 (0.5 percent), though the average weekly hours declined be 0.5 hours. The increase in nondurable goods was supported by the paper and allied products industry which netted production workers an average of $43.17 (15.2 percent) more a week.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (In thousands)

	July 1979	June 1979	July 1978	Changes From: June 1979 Net	June 1979 %	July 1978 Net	July 1978 %
Civilian Labor Force	190.9	190.8	184.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+6.4	+ 3.5
Unemployment	13.4	11.5	10.9	+ 1.9	+16.5	+2.5	+22.9
Percent of Labor Force	7.0	6.0	5.9	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Total Employment	177.5	179.3	173.6	- 1.8	- 1.0	+3.9	+ 2.2

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands)

INDUSTRY	July 1979	June 1979	July 1978	Net Change June '79 to July '79	Net Change July '78 to July '79
TOTAL	165.9	168.0	168.3	-2.1	-2.4
Manufacturing	53.7	54.4	55.2	- .7	-1.5
Durable Goods	23.7	24.1	23.7	- .4	+0.0
Lumber (except furniture)	.7	.7	.8	0	- .1
Stone, Clay and Glass	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
Primary Metals	4.5	5.0	5.1	- .5	- .6
Fabricated Metal Prod.	8.2	8.2	8.3	0	- .1
Machinery (except elec.)	3.4	3.1	3.3	+ .3	+ .1
All Other	4.3	4.3	4.8	0	- .5
Nondurable Goods	30.0	30.3	30.1	- .3	- .1
Food Products	4.8	4.9	4.6	- .1	+ .2
Textile Mill Products	11.4	11.6	11.6	- .2	- .2
Knitting Mills	2.9	3.0	3.0	- .1	- .1
Apparel	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ .1
Paper Products	1.3	1.2	1.2	+ .1	+ .1
Printing and Publishing	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ .1
Chemicals	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
All Other	1.1	1.2	1.5	- .1	- .4
Nonmanufacturing	112.2	113.6	113.1	-1.4	- .9
Mining	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ .1
Construction	7.1	7.2	7.7	- .1	- .6
Trans., Comm., and Pub. Util.	6.8	6.8	6.8	0	0
Trade	30.3	30.7	30.9	- .4	- .6
Wholesale Trade	8.1	8.2	8.2	- .1	- .1
Wholesale Durable Goods	5.4	5.5	5.2	- .1	+ .2
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- .3
Retail Trade	21.9	22.0	22.7	- .2	- .8
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	9.1	9.1	9.4	0	- .3
Services	26.0	26.0	25.1	0	+ .9
Government	30.5	31.4	30.8	-1.0	- .3
Federal	9.3	10.0	10.2	- .7	- .9
State and Local	20.8	21.4	20.6	- .6	+ .2

Includes Hamilton, Marion, Sequatchie Counties, Tennessee and Catoosa, Dade, Walker Counties, Georgia.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings July 1979	June 1979	July 1978	Average Weekly Hours July 1979	June 1979	July 1978	Average Hourly Earnings July 1979	June 1979	July 1978
All Manufacturing	$223.44	$230.42	$207.76	39.9	41.0	39.8	$5.60	$5.62	$5.22
Durable Goods	243.41	259.36	225.37	40.1	41.9	39.4	6.07	6.19	5.72
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	255.81	258.34	229.74	37.8	38.5	36.7	6.77	6.71	6.26
Iron & Steel Foundries	259.26	238.52	230.80	40.7	42.2	41.8	6.37	5.65	5.52
Fabricated Metal Prod.	252.72	294.72	256.41	40.5	42.9	40.2	6.24	6.87	6.37
Machinery, Except Elect.	240.45	251.34	219.51	41.6	40.4	40.5	5.78	5.66	5.42
Nondurable Goods	204.04	205.02	182.96	39.7	40.2	40.2	5.14	5.10	4.80
Textile Mill Products	183.75	186.90	168.56	39.0	40.0	41.3	4.75	4.13	4.05
Knitting Mills	148.22	147.40	127.76	38.3	38.4	38.4	3.88	3.83	3.31
Paper & Allied Prod.	326.51	283.34	274.59	48.3	43.7	49.9	6.76	6.20	5.96
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	303.84	303.84	285.27	42.2	42.2	43.1	7.20	7.20	6.78

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL July 1979	TOTAL June 1979	DISADVANTAGED July 1979	DISADVANTAGED June 1979	NON-WHITE July 1979	NON-WHITE June 1979	VETERAN July 1979	VETERAN June 1979
New Applications	1,015	1,337	416	1,221	488	581	402	507
Testing	130	178	53	83	45	82	25	34
Enrolled in Training	34	59	30	41	7	18	4	7
Nonagricultural Placement	787	913	288	621	312	229	140	141
Counseling	236	329	148	235	84	87	40	58